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1. The Totex<sup>2</sup> factory in Chrastava, Czechoslovakia, which is officially listed as a textile plant, is divided into two large sections: Section No. 13 and Section No. 18. Section No. 13 makes parts for the Czech-made Zetor 15 tractor, such as pistons, blocks, axles, tanks, etc. It also produces tracks for the Zetor 35 tractor. Recently this section began to produce larger types of tractor axles and tracks; it is believed that they are parts for the Soviet-made Ukraina tractor. Section 13 works one shift per day.
2. Section No. 18 works two shifts per day, and production is split, making it difficult to determine exactly what the plant is producing. Every three months this section is inspected by three Russian engineers, who bring blueprints with them. Such visits are usually followed by a delivery of ball bearings from East Germany. The ball bearings bear two different markings, one in German and one in Russian. Section No. 18 receives copper and bronze from the USSR. Recently new machine tools, mostly horizontal and vertical lathes of Skoda make, were delivered to the plant.
3. The Totex<sup>2</sup> factory in Straz nad Nisou has been converted into a training center for apprentices. Foundry workers who were formerly employed there were transferred to Liberec District in early September 1953.
4. The Janka factory in Chrastava employs about 800 persons, mostly men. This plant produces spare parts for Zetor 15 tractors.
5. In early September 1953 the engineer training center at Svor, at which about 130 persons were studying, was closed down. Most of the students were trained as aluminum foundry workers and were assigned to the Janka factory and to the Liberec foundry. The center is now occupied by an undetermined number of Bulgarian workers.

1. Comment. Probably a reference to Tovarny na textilia stroje, National Enterprise, Chrastava.
2. Comment. Probably a reference to Tovarny na textilia stroje, National Enterprise, Straz nad Nisou.
3. Comment. Not further identified.

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